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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT

1. SECSTATE KISSINGER'S THREAT TO RESIGN: NATIONALISTIC
DIARIO POPULAR (SAO PAULO) CRITICAL EDITORIAL SAYS: "...
THE MAN WHO CONQUERED THE WORLD'S ADMIRATION DISLIKES THE
IDEA THAT HIS REPUTATION IS BEING DISCUSSED IN HIS OWN COUNTRY.
...AS NIXON'S MAIN ADVISER, KISSINGER COULD NOT IGNORE WHAT
THE (WATERGATE) 'PLUMBERS' WERE PLANNING. ...THE FACT IS
THAT IN THIS WHOLE BLACK FARSE HE TRIED TO PLAY PILATE'S
ROLE: HE DID NOT INVOLVE HIMSELF DEEPLY, NOR WAS HE TOTALLY
UNWARE (OF WATERGATE), LETTING OTHER DO THE 'DIRTY WORK'.
...KISSINGER 'S ATTITUDE CAN BE UNDERSTOOD ONLY AS COMPLICITY.
...HIS THREAT TO RESIGN MAY HAVE A GOOD RESULT, BUT A RISK
EXISTS: EMOTIONAL REACTIONS DO NOT IMPRESS THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE TOO MUCH." (JULY 11).

2. PETROLEUM CRISIS AND GOB PETROLEUM POLICY: INDEPENDENT
JORNAL DO BRASIL (RIO) EDITORIAL SAYS: "THE INTERNATIONAL
PETROLUUM CRISIS WILL NOT RESULT IN A WAR, STRICTLY SPEAKING,
BUT IT CAN LEAD THE U.S. TO ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
RETALIATION. ...FROM THE POLITICAL VIEWPOINT, THE PETROLEUM
CRISIS REPRESENTS THE FIRST OPEN CONFRONTATION BETWEEN RAW
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MATERIAL PRODUCING NATIONS AND THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD. IT

IS A SERIOUS CONFRONTATION, AS THE PRODUCT REPRESENTS
INDISPENSABLE ENERGY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ENERGY SOURCES
DEMANDS TIME. ...FOR BRAZIL -- WHICH PRODUCES ONLY 23 PERCENT
OF ITS PETROLEUM NEEDS --, MORE IMPORTANT THAN SPECULATING
ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CRISIS IS TO FIND THE WAY TO
INCREASE OIL PRODUCTION. ...THE GOB MINISTER OF MINES AND
ENERGY SAYS THAT WITHOUT ANY DETRIMENT TO THE STATE MONOPOLY,
BRAZIL CAN NEGOTIATE A PRODUCTIVE COOPERATION WITH ANY FOREIGN
ENTERPRISE WHEN NECESSARY. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE DO THIS. ...
THE TIMES HAVE CHANGED. THE WHOLE WORLD NEEDS THE SCARCE
EXPENSIVE PETROLEUM, BUT NOT POLITICAL DOMINANCE BASED ON
PETROLEUM. IF WE DO NOT ATTRACT INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT FOR
OUR RESERACH, WE WILL BE LOSING BOTH PRECIOUS TIME AND CAPITAL
WE NEED FOR OUR GENERAL DEVELOPMENT." (JULY 11).
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